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(C) Ambassador delivered reftel talking points to MFA Secretary of State for European Affairs Hatem Ben Salem on

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March 23. Ben Salem said that GOT Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi would represent Tunisia at the Arab League, and that he would ensure that the PM was informed of the US objectives for the Ministerial and Summit. Ben Salem said that he thought that progress could be made at the Summit, particularly on Lebanon, emphasizing that "another war there would be catastrophic." Ben Salem also mentioned that Libya would not be attending the Summit, and that Ghaddafi's refusal to participate was "unfortunate" as the Arab League was an "important institution."

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